

CHURCH DEDICATION.

Quite a number of persons from this place attended the dedication of the First Brethren church of Riddlesburg, Pa., a mission point under the care of Eld. E. H. Smith, pastor of the Fredericksburg and New Enterprise churches.

A little explanation in regard to how this new church sprung into existence may not be out of place. Less than a year ago, Brother Smith received a call to come down into the (Wilderness) as it were, to preach, a distance of about 12 miles from his home. He responded to the call, (having been assured that a place for him to preach had been obtained) and on a certain Sunday in the month of September, 1895, went into a section of country entirely strange to him and all the inhabitants likewise strangers. On his way thither he enlisted the sympathy of brother Albert Walter who accompanied him into this land. Imagine the disappointment of both when they arrived at the place at which Brother S. expected to preach, (a country school house) to find the door locked, and one of the directors who happened to belong to a church, not very friendly to the Brethren church, refusing to give the key, notwithstanding the fact that the other directors had given their consent for him to have the house. This, however, only increased the desire of these good people to have Brother Smith return at some time in the near future to preach to them, which he did in two weeks. This time he found the school-house open and a congregation awaiting him, and he opened up his Gospel alone battery and preached not only one but 13 sermons, at the close of which he had baptized and received into church membership 18 or 20 persons. He was then obliged to close his meeting so as to be able to attend our State Conference at Johnstown last October. He shortly after organized his members into a church by electing a deacon, trustees, etc., and continued to preach for them every two weeks, and on August 23, 1896, near the schoolhouse in which he had been preaching for almost a year, he dedicated to the service of God, a neat, commodious, and well finished little chapel, large enough to comfortably seat 250 persons. The membership at the time of dedication numbering about 40. The church to have been built by contract would have cost not less than \$1,000 or \$1,200, but these people did not build by contract, but like at the building of Solomon's temple, some gave their means, some brought cedars from Lebanon, others dug stone out of the quarry, others (Brother Smith included) gave their labor so that with what pecuniary aid they received before and at the

time of the dedication, they were able to dedicate their church with all paid, except a balance of \$120 which the trustees assumed and which one of them who has already made sacrifices for the building of the church said, must be paid if he must sell his horse and cow to do it. Inasmuch as these people are all poor, surely the Lord has blessed the labors of Brother Smith at this place, and were half the efforts put forth at many other places, Brethren churches might adorn the hill tops of many places that are now barren so far as the preaching of the Word of God is concerned.

S. L. BUCK.

New Enterprise, Pa., Sept. 1, 1896.

PROGRAM FOR THE ELKHART CO. UNION MEETING.

To be Held at New Paris, Ind., Oct. 3, and 4, '96.

10:00 A. M. Devotional Services to be conducted by Rev. I. N. Miller.

Remarks by President, and report of previous meeting.

10:30. Paper,—What Shall the Ministers do to Make the Church Attractive. John Weaver.

10:35. Discussion,—Aaron Miller.

11:00. Paper,—What Shall the Lay Members do to Make the Service Attractive. Evaline Stuckman.

11:05. Discussion,—Andrew Sigerfoos.

11:30. Query Box.

Benediction.

1:30 P. M. Devotional service, Rev. Bemenderfer.

2:00. Reports of Churches, S. S., K. C., S. S. C. E.

2:30. Song—Duet,—Ada M. Haight and Alma Leslie.

3:00 Paper,—How May We Receive the Holy Ghost? Mrs. Frazier.

3:05. Discussion,—M. J. Shrock.

3:30. Paper,—Is the Holy Ghost Essential to Our Spiritual Growth? Naoma Wilson.

3:35. Discussion,—F. W. Cline.

4:00. Song—duet,—Misses Wagner. Benediction.

6:30. Communion Service.

SUNDAY, 9:30, A. M. S. S.

10:30 A. M. Preaching,—Rev. Bemenderfer.

7:00 P. M. Preaching,—Rev. Menaugh. Come one and all.

IDA A. SIMMONDS, Sec.

Be honest with yourself, whatever the temptation; say nothing to others that you do not think, and play no tricks with your own mind. Of all the evil spirits abroad at this hour in the world insincerity is the most dangerous.—J. A. Froude.

KOSCIUSCO COUNTY UNION MEETING.

To be held at Olaypool, Ind., Sept. 26, 27, 1896.

SATURDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Devotional Services, J. M. Fox.
Address of Welcome, D. A. Hopkins.
Response, C. F. Yoder.
Benefits of County Union meetings, G. W. Rensch.
Reports (written) of churches and Auxiliary societies.
Mission work in Kosciusco county.
Miscellaneous.

7:30 P. M.

Devotional Services, Arthur Wirick.
Benefits of S. Schools, Mrs. F. E. Rhorer.
Self denial boxes, May Baker.
Question Box, D. A. Hopkins.

SUNDAY.

6 A. M.—Praise meeting conducted by F. E. Rhorer.

9:30—Sunday school.

10:30—Doctrinal Sermon—"Conversion"—G. W. Rensch:

2:30 P. M.—Sermon, J. M. Fox.

6:00—Junior K. C. of C. E.

6:30—Senior K. C. of C. E.

7:30—Sermon, C. F. Yoder.

A. E. SWITZER,
JOHN TULLY,
C. O. Ketrow, } Committee.

Matrimonial.

STICKLER—SMITH.—Merry wedding, August 30, 1896 at 8:30 P. M., when Mr. Joseph S. Stickler and Etta Smith were united in marriage at the home of the brides parents. The ceremony was performed by the writer, grandfather of the groom. A little boy and girl standing one at the right and the other at the left, each holding a bunch of beautiful flowers. Following the ceremony, which was witnessed by 60 or more invited guests, a delightful repast, consisting of all delicacies, the appetite could wish. The happy bride and groom were showered with sincere congratulations, and were the recipients of many beautiful and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. Stickler will reside in Centerville, Iowa, each having a position as clerk in Grocery and Dry Goods stores. ELDER JOSEPH ZOOK.

Oftentimes the hindrances that lie in the path of duty may be compared to the toll gates upon our turnpike roads—they are kept shut till we are just upon them, and then fly open, as it were, of themselves. And that is time enough. If they had been opened a week beforehand we could but have gone through at last.—John Newton.